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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 78  
By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Ronnie McDowell for his  
volunteer work with the Portland D.A.R.E.  
program.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay  
tribute to those exemplary citizens who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time and  
their considerable talents to lead young people away from the deleterious effects of drug abuse  
and toward more positive endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie McDowell is most assuredly one such deserving person; and

WHEREAS, by means of his tremendous talents, singer, performer, and songwriter  
Ronnie McDowell has penned such songs as "I Love You, I Love You, I Love You", "World's  
Most Perfect Woman", "Watchin' Girls Go By", and "All Tied Up"; and

WHEREAS, in addition, he taught the world to dance the cowboy hip-hop with his  
recording of "Yippy-Ti-Yi-Yo" and took his music to the United States Supreme Court, where he  
was the first artist to ever perform at the prestigious Jefferson Awards; and

WHEREAS, one of Tennessee's favorite sons, Ronnie McDowell is an entertainer,  
extremely creative sculptor, sign painter, animation artist, watercolor artist, and caricature artist,  
as well as a musical creator, a talent manager, an idea-a-minute man and one of the most  
sensitive visionaries you'll ever meet; and

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WHEREAS, Ronnie McDowell has always been a generous contributor to charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie McDowell established the Annual Benefit Festival which helps to fund the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program in his hometown of Portland, Tennessee and he should be specially recognized; and

WHEREAS, during a three-year period, 1994, 1995 and 1996, the D.A.R.E. Annual Benefit Festival raised thirty-eight thousand dollars: now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Ronnie McDowell upon his meritorious service to the D.A.R.E. program, salute his unrelenting dedication to the welfare of our young people, and wish him much continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.